Shortage of Power of Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun

4457. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute power shortage in Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun area of THDC;

(b) whether Government propose to install a transformer near Raturi Tent House, Athurwala, Vistapeeth Dehradun to help obviate power shortage in the area;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Supply and distribution of electricity within the State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. Power supply to various areas/ categories of consumers is decided by the State Government depending upon the overall availability of power in the state. At present, the overall power supply position in Uttaranchal is satisfactory.

According to Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), there is no power shortage in Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun area of THDC, and there is no proposal for installing in transformer near Raturi Tent House in this area. However, in some locality of Vistapeeth area there is a low voltage problem for which UPCL is undertaking some improvement works. This work by UPCL is likely to be completed by 31.5.2002.

Counter guarantee for energy generation projects

†4458. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have given counter guarantee for energy generation projects;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof and reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.